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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION: AEROTRAIN PROJECT TO CONTINUE

REF: PARIS 2884

1. GOF HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH PLANNED CONSTRUCTION
FO CERGY-DEFENSE AEROTRAIN LINE. AFTER MEETING FEB. 8
BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND TRANSPORT MINISTER GUENA,
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE:
"THE AEROPAR CORPORATION, JOINT SUBSIDIARY OF THE RATP
(PARIS MUNICIPAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY) AND SNCF, WHICH WAS
FORMED TO CARRY OUT THE CERGY-DEFENSE AEROTRAIN PROJECT,
HAS RECEIVED A COMPLETE AND SATISFACTORY PROPOSAL FROM
THE CONSTRUCTOR FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.
THE PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE PUBLIC
AUTHORITIES TO BUILD THIS LINE, WHICH WILL GO INTO
SERVICE IN 1978. IN ORDER THAT POSTPONEMENT TO THAT
DATE OF THE LINK-UP WITH THE RER (REGIONAL EXPRESS
NETWORK OF RATP) NOT BE PREJUDICIAL TO HARMONIOUS
DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW CITY (CERGY), LINKS WITH
LA DEFENSE WILL BE IMPROVED PRIOR TO 1976." (EX
PLANATORY INFO IN PARENTHESES ADDED BY EMBASSY)

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2. IN ITS COMMENTARY LE MONDE HAS SOME DOUBTS ON

WISDOM OF GOF DECISION, WHICH IT CONSIDERS WAS PROBABLY
MOTIVATED MORE BY DESIRE NOT TO LOSE FACE BY REVERSING
ITSELF ON PROJECT THAN BY TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS
RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY. NOTING THAT PROJECT
IS ALREADY FAR BEHIND SCHEDULE,
LE MONDE CONSIDERS 1978 TARGET DATE FOR ENTRY INTO SERVICE OF
CERGY-DEFENSE AEROTRAIN IS UNREALISTIC AND FURTHER NOTES COMMUNIQUE'S
VAGUENESS ON NATURE OF TRANSPORT SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED
CERTY IN MEANTIME.IRWIN

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